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BUILDING PROJECTS

Northern California Congregational Churches soon to engage in building projects received very helpful visits from Secretary William Kincaid Newman of the Church Building Department of the Board of Home Missions during May.

Superintendent Harley H. Gill met Mr. Newman at the Fresno airport on Monday night, the 19th. On Tuesday, the 20th, they visited Tulare, Fresno, Free Cross; Fresno, Japanese; and Fresno, First Church, conferring in some cases with pastors, and in others also with building committees. On Wednesday, a great deal of time was spent with pastor and officials of the Lodi Ebenezer and Sacramento, Sierra Arden Churches. The following day, Orinda, Berkeley First, and Berkeley Arlington Avenue, were on their schedule. On Friday, after a long conference with Mr. Scott Haymond who is the architect for a number of these enterprises, a visit was made to Hayward, meeting a considerable group of church leaders for lunch and touring the area. Later in the afternoon an inspection was made of the McGann chapel at Camp Parks, which has been awarded to the San Lorenzo Church, and a long conference took place with the trustees of that church. On Saturday, a building for which the San Francisco Calvary Church is negotiating, was inspected, and there was a thoroughgoing study of the San Carlos situation. Extension Director Sidney H. Buckham then piloted Mr. Newman in seeing our Ocean View property and a number of possible locations for new work. The day was completed with a visit by Mr. Newman to the Berkeley North Church.

During these days Mr. Newman expressed great interest in the tremendous prospects before us in California and agreed to present to the Building Committee and the Board of Directors his recommendations for very substantial financial commitments. In almost every visit very valuable suggestions were made regarding architectural plans. Conferences were held with the architects having to do with no less than eleven churches.

M.E.M. CONFERENCE

In leadership and attendance the M. E. M. Conference, to be held at Asilomar August 1-6, bids fair to be the best ever. The Conference begins with evening dinner on August 1 and ends with lunch on the 6th. The registration fee is $2.50, which fee with name of registrant should be sent to Mrs. R. W. Blosser, 222 Moncada Way, San Francisco 12. The accomodations for board and room may be in the Longhouses at $3.00 a day, in the Guest Inn at $4.00 a day, or in Scripps House (limited number) at $5.00 a day. A deposit of $5.00 for accomodations must be sent to Mrs. Blosser in advance.

Camps For Families At Cazadero

FAMILIES! LET'S GO TO CAMP THIS SUMMER!

Dates: July 19-26 for second family camp. Deadline for registration July 9.

OUTSTANDING LEADERS. FINE CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT IN GOD'S WONDERFUL OUT-OF-DOORS.

Some of the leaders: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holley from England; Lloyd Lorbeer from India; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Granger; our own Wim Meyer; H. A. Chakmakjian; and others too numerous to mention.

Lots of time for your own pursuits! Some time for serious thought and discussion! Hikes, swimming, campfires. Special children's leader.

Our own fine cook, Mrs. Ivy Alexander.

Separate quarters for each family.

For further information write: Rev. Wm M. Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, Calif. or Henry C. Warber, director, 490 Mastick Ave., San Bruno, Calif.

THE MERGER

At the special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Congregational Churches held in Columbus, Ohio, on April 30, it was voted that the "Basis of Union" for the bringing together of the churches of our Fellowship with the Evangelical and Reformed Church be submitted to the Conferences, the Associations, and the Churches for approval or disapproval. Representatives were present from nearly all of the Conferences to voice the opinions of the delegates who had attended the last meeting of the General Council. (The By-laws of the General Council provide that members of one Council hold office until the opening of the next one.) Moderator Stephen C. Peabody represented the Northern California delegates who had met on April 15, giving almost unanimous approval.

The General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church will meet in St. Louis, Missouri, in July. In the event that that body votes approval, then the referendum will be launched in both communions.

The Conference office will have copies of the "Basis of Union" in sufficient quantities for the churches to use this coming autumn in their study of the whole problem, that they may vote intelligently. The Conference itself will take its vote at the annual meeting in October. The Associations will be asked to vote at their spring meetings of 1948. The churches have the entire fall and winter in which to complete their study and take their ballots. A careful record should be kept and the report made by each church of the number of votes cast in the affirmative and negative, for a total will be made up for all the churches voting throughout the nation.

Registrations are already coming in for the Family Camp, July 12-19, directed by Rev. Fred R. Morrow of Orinda. An excellent group of leaders will be present. Dr. Edith Bryan of Berkeley will return by popular demand for her third year as instructor in family life. Another "repeater" is Mrs. Harold Grams, leader for children's activities. From England will come Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holley with a wide range of camp interests, and from India, Lloyd Lorbeer, well-known school administrator who has brought inspiration to California churches in other years. Rev. Roland de Vries of Redwood City has been invited to serve as Camp Chaplain.

"The ideal vacation week" is the way former attendants at Family Camp have described their experience. Schedules are leisurely, children are given both organized leadership and freedom for family fellowship. Mothers are freed from the routine of meal preparation. An abundance of sociability and active recreation alternates with opportunity for rest and quiet. Fathers who cannot attend for the entire week are welcome for the week-end for a charge of only $4.00 including the registration, payable in advance. Be sure to register, week-enders! Cost of the camps is only $15 per week for adults and $10 for children. Registrations should be sent to Rev. Fred R. Morrow, 210 Canon Drive, Orinda, with the $2.50 fee for each person. Deadline for registration July 2.

STATE P. F. CAMP

Plans for State Camp, August 23-30, are complete. The Cabinet of Pilgrim Fellowship has worked hard with the director, Art Casaday, to present an effective program. Eugene Haynes will be Dean of Men and teach class for the fellows on "Preparing for Happy Marriage." Eleanor Gans will be Dean of Women and director of counseling program. Don Gaylord will be chaplain.

Sarkis Papajian will teach a class on "Effective Social Action" and direct the recreation program. Dr. Lois Todd will be camp doctor and teacher of the class for girls on "Preparing for Happy Marriage." Wim Meyer will teach the class on "Building a Strong P. F. in Your Local Church." Claude A. Ward will be director of choir and music.

Philip Ward of Turkey will teach the class on "The Christian Mission in the World Today." Haruo Ishimaru of Chicago will speak on Race Relations and assist in the recreation program. Women's counselors will be Margaret Buckley, Joanna Hughes, and Joy Drobish.

Two official delegates from each church will be given preference in registration up to August 1. Thereafter registrations will be open to all up to the capacity of the camp.

Lodi Is Host

The General Conference of our German Congregational churches in America is to be held at Lodi, June 25 to 29. This will bring together delegates of our German speaking churches from all over the United States. Sessions will be held both in German and English. Among those appearing on the program from our Conference are Rev. F. W. Gross, the busy pastor of the entertaining church, Supt. Harley H. Gill, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach of Oakland, President Ronald Bridges of Pacific School of Religion, Rev. Eward Hildebrand of Sanger, Rev. C. G. Kuhn, student at Pacific School of Religion and former missionary to Argentina, Rev. Jonathan Weber of Biola, and Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer, missionary in India.

Visit Of Dr. North

In addition to speaking at a number of our Association meetings, Rev. Stanley U. North, director of the Department of City Work of the Board of Home Missions, held important consultations with a number of our churches. First among them was Sacramento, Sierra-Arden, which project was launched under the joint direction of the Board of Home Missions and the Conference. Next was Lodi, Ebenezer, which is planning both a change of location and an entirely new plant. He spent time at Tulare advising as to whether or not the church should move before it builds. He saw the new chapel of the Fresno, Japanese Church, and made valuable suggestions. He visited Fresno, Free Cross Church, which is soon to be moved, and again reviewed the plans for relocation of Fresno, First Church. He spent an entire afternoon and evening with Redwood City, which is considering a change of location. With our new Director of Church Extension, he visited several areas in San Francisco and in the East Bay. In all of these instances he proved to be a wise counselor and a man with a fundamental grasp of church problems and a long range vision in church planning.

LONGING FOR CHINA

"Although I am glad to be back in this country, I have a longing already for China in spite of the confusion and inflation that reigns in that frustrated and unhappy land. Perhaps that is one reason why I long for China. With corruption rife on all sides the basic problem of the future is one of the training of men who have ideals and are willing to sacrifice for them and live them out honestly. In that field the church has something to contribute that is lacking in most other realms of Chinese life."

The above was taken from the letter of a missionary recently returned to the United States.

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We Must Do Better!

Month after month in 1947 the gifts from the churches and our individual friends are barely surpassing those for the like period in 1946. Urgent, almost tragic, calls are coming from our national offices and from our fields overseas for increased support. We fell short of the expectations in 1946—we must do better in 1947!

	App't Jan. 11 to May 31 1946	App't Jan. 11 to May 31 1947	C.W.V.R. 1947
Adin	16.25	11.75	.....
Alameda	708.33	623.65	257.68
Alturas	54.07	23.77	4.00
Angels Camp	100.00	50.00	28.50
Antioch	25.38	57.14	45.74
Auburn	70.00	82.45	56.19
Benicia	.....	105.00	78.00
Berkeley			
Arlington	53.62	21.48	52.49
Chinese	10.00	.....	.....
First	5,388.50	4,383.77	3,469.25
North	308.85	304.80	205.10
Northbrae	.....	375.60	.....
South	278.89	284.03	45.00
Campbell	50.00	.....	.....
Cedarville	33.75	33.75	.....
Cloverdale	21.92	23.91	7.80
Cotati	50.00	30.00	25.00
Crockett	39.53	43.53	5.00
Dinuba	.60	.....	.....
Elk Grove	6.64	19.00	28.50
Etna	.....	6.90	.....
Eureka	335.93	370.36	245.96
Fairfax	.....	5.05	.....
Ferndale	84.55	82.70	322.88
Fresno			
First	655.00	365.00	794.90
Japanese	.....	25.00	.....
Pilgrim	60.00	.....	.....
Glen Ellen	85.00	50.00	90.00
Grass Valley	25.00	.....	.....
Guerneville	13.40	27.12	.....
Hayward	10.00	150.00	287.65
Kenwood	8.45	17.31	.....
Likely	.....	15.00	.....
Lodi			
Ebenezer	28.80	41.80	392.00
First	2,985.00	1,705.98	555.00
Loleta	4.00	.....	.....
Loomis	100.00	100.00	.....
Martinez	561.70	207.20	793.61
Murphys	81.00	100.00	.....
Niles	50.00	.....	.....
Oakland			
First	2,952.57	2,703.63	743.40
Fruitvale	26.50	15.00	.....
Pilgrim	49.60	30.34	25.84
Plymouth	652.05	861.87	158.95
Orinda	131.08	346.15	.....
Oroville	597.72	374.30	176.63
Pacific Grove	24.60	119.10	9.90
Palo Alto	540.00	1,500.00	860.55
Paradise	225.00	272.00	33.00
Parlier	25.00	10.00	.....
Penngrove	15.81	41.87	.....
Pescadero	.....	20.00	.....
Petaluma	336.00	300.00	300.00
Pittsburg	171.76	114.98	.....
Port Chicago	.....	25.00	.....
Porterville	600.00	565.80	895.22
Redwood City	212.04	760.59	787.60
Reedley	.....	15.00	.....
Rio Vista	106.40	85.00	15.00
Ripon	86.84	66.75	25.00
Sacramento			
Pioneer	675.00	682.50	1,000.00
Sierra Arden	.....	113.00	.....
Salida	35.00	52.00	.....
San Carlos	130.40	215.00	125.00
San Francisco			
Bethany Msn. Pk.	122.16	104.10	34.05
Calvary	.....	30.00	.....
Chinese	20.00	.....	.....
First	452.83	396.89	.....
Ocean View	25..00	50.00	6.38
Park Presidio	84.30	155.00	.....
Sanger	14.08	11.04	.....
San Jose	383.52	420.00	2.00.00
San Leandro	84.76	36.46	.....
San Mateo	510.73	30.00	65.00
San Rafael	42.55	66.00	.....
Santa Cruz	350.00	310.00	150.00
Santa Rosa	128.46	78.95	47.00
Saratoga	108.56	205.55	.....
Sebastopol	85.77	131.41	64.73
Sonoma	120.85	49.66	.....
Soquel	.....	88.00	80.84
Stockton	441.73	500.27	299.00
Suisun	51.94	68.48	33.25
Tulare	200.33	254.58	213.25
Weaverville	100.00	50.00	.....
Woodside	11.50	11.50	.....
Reno, Nevada	325.84	304.28	51.42
Miscellaneous	933.42	2,340.36	1,256.57
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Buckham To Chicago

Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, the new director of Extension Work, is to attend a school in community research and survey at the Chicago Theological Seminary under the direction of Professor Samuel C. Kincheloe. Before going he has made a rapid study of many communities in Northern California and has made application with the Comity Council to survey or begin work in several of them. He was given a magnificant tribute in a farewell dinner at the San Mateo church. Addresses were given by people from the community, by his brother ministers, and by representatives of different departments of the church. Beautiful gifts were presented to both Mr. and Mrs. Buckham. They expect to move to Berkeley by August 3.

Laboratory School

There is widespread interest in the Laboratory School for Christian teaching, which was announced in the April issue of The Pacific. This will be under the general sponsorship of the Northern California Council of Churches but under the direction of our own Committee on Christian Education. Miss Alice Sanderson of Plymouth Church will be the dean. The sessions will be held at Plymouth Church, Oakland, and the dates will be June 21 to July 3. An outstanding faculty has been re cruited.

The plan of the School is to learn teaching by seeing teaching. There will be children of all departments taught by experts. Following the sessions with the children there will be periods of discussion, evaluation, and study. The tuition is $5.00, and parents who enroll may bring their own children for an added tuition of $2.00. Persons enrolling are expected to take the full course. Registration should be made by June 10 and sent directly to Miss Sanderson. Lunches will be served at the church daily: adults 50c, children 35c. Plymouth Church will undertake to find housing accomodations for our Congregational people. Our own Mildred Widber, of the Department of Education of the Board of Home Missions, of Boston, will be on the faculty.

SAN MATEO. The church has voted to become a member of the new Burlingame-San Mateo Council of Churches. Fifteen members were received on the first of June. A reception for the new members was held immediately following the service. Rev. Benton Gaskell is the pastor.

P.E.P. Sept. School

The committee on Postwar Emergency Program, under the chairmanship of Rev. Ralph V. Conard of Alameda, has decided upon a church-by-church visitation during the autumn with teams of workers to sit down with the official groups in many of our churches to go over the whole matter of benevolence giving and the needs of our postwar effort. This will be done in a spirit of give and take and will not be a high-pressure campaign. Workers are now being enlisted. There will be a training school for workers on September 15-16, with Miss Helen Kenyon of Poughkeepsie, New York, former president of Missions Council, as the chief leader. The Conference office and Mr. Conard will leave no stone unturned in adequate preparation for that training school and the visitation which will follow. It is hoped that every church will cooperate by bringing together the leading members when the visitations are made.

SAN LORENZO. After long months of waiting and working, the McGann chapel of Camp Parks has been awarded by the Navy to this church. Pews and other equipment have already been moved to a warehouse. Additional property is being secured. A firm of engineers is working on the specifications for the removal of the building. It will be installed in the midst of beautiful landscaping. It is hoped that by autumn the plant will be finished and ready for service to the community. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz, the pastor, is to attend a special school at Sylvan Dale.

TULARE. The Congregational and Methodist churches are uniting for summer worship beginning June 15th with each pastor undertaking responsibility for one-half of the time. Shuffleboard, volleyball, and badminton facilities are to be installed in the church yard, and possibly lighting for evening recreation. Rev. Clayton H. Gill is the pastor.

EAGLEVILLE. A church is in process of formation in this little village in the northeastern part of the state under the direction of Rev. Terence Stoker of Cedarville. A church covenant is being signed as a basis for membership, and a group will be welcomed by Superintendent Harley H. Gill on the evening of June 22nd.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The church expects to have as its guests in August Rev. and Mrs. Alan Balding of Trinity Church, Poplar, in London, where Miss Mary Coxhead worked last year. A beautiful chancel rail has been presented to the church in memory of Mrs. C. U. Martin. Rev. Robert W. Inglis is pastor.

WEAVERVILLE. The loan from the Church Building Society has been paid a whole year before due. Rev. W. F. Kenney, the pastor, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the high school. Equipment has been purchased for visual aids.

ADIN. This little church has sent 234 pounds of used clothing to the World Church Service depot at Richmond. Rev. C. K. Clapp has resigned the pastorate.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. Ernest M. Fowler has accepted the call to this church and is at work. He was born in Minnesota and graduated from Syracuse University and Yale Divinity School. After a period of service for the Methodist Church in New York he entered the chaplaincy of the United States Navy, being at the Naval Supply Depot at Oakland and then on board the USS St. Mary's and the USS Piedmont. Upon his discharge he served for one year as associate pastor at the Northbrae Community Church, where he led in the campaign for 350 new members. Fruitvale Church with its plant and its location presents an unsurpassed opportunity for the building of a strong church. A dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fowler was given on June 11.

HAYWARD. The old church and the old parsonage marched down the highway and backed into the new location and will be used for the time being. Probably the church itself will be a permenant chapel, but that will not stop rapid progress in the erection of the new sanctuary and educational plant. Rev. Richard C. Norberg has announced a vacation school for a two week period. A study of the schedule of meetings indicates little let up during the summer.

BENICIA. Seven new members joined on Mother's Day. On one weekend in May 34 officers and workers held a retreat at Cazadero to lay complete plans for the church for the coming year. The officers were installed by Superintendent Gill on June 8. At the same sevice he baptized the son of Rev. and Mrs. Elmo D. Wolfe.

SAN JOSE. At the 72nd anniversary dinner of the church a memorial gift of $4000 from the children of Dr. J. J. Miller was announced. It will be used to purchase a new manual for the organ. Nearly $5000 was pledged during the evening for the new church building fund. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is the pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. An excellent program presented by the Leyden Club netted a profit of $85.00 for the church building fund and Pilgrim Fellowship pledges. The church is assisting by money and materials in relief work in Europe and Asia. Rev. Eugene V. Haynes is pastor.

REDWOOD CITY. Sunday School attendance has been increased by 30 or 40 over a year ago. The church is making a study of possible relocation. Rev. Roland G. de Vries is pastor.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. New organ chimes have been secured and a new bulletin board installed. The church has voted to repay $2000 of its grant from the Building Society. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian is pastor.

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BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

FRESNO JAPANESE. The memorial chapel was dedicated on Memorial Day. It was well filled with a large number of Japanese people, Japanese - Americans, and their friends. A welcome and brief history of the church were given by two of the members in the Japanese language. Mayor Glen M. DeVore of the city of Fresno, Rev. John H. Gregg of Fresno, Rev. Clayton H. Gill, moderator of the San Joaquin Association, and representatives of other Japanese churches brought greetings. The sermon was preached by Superintendent Harley H. Gill. The dedication was followed by an anniversary dinner. The next two projects of the church will be the dressing up of the exterior of the building to be a little more ecclesiastical and the securing of a parsonage. One of the most amazing features of the life of this church is the way the people have given volunteer service in putting the property in shape.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. A victory dinner and homecoming has been announced for Friday, June 27th, to celebrate the paying off of the debt. The mortgage-burning and rededication service will be on the Sunday following. The Methodist denomination plans to give the church the services of a deaconess, beginning on July 1st. She will serve as general assistant to the pastor, Rev. LeRoy Abbott.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. The parish paper, among other things, gives movie ratings as a guide for those who wish to patronize only the best. A number of small but needful improvements have been made in the church and parsonage. A mission study field trip was conducted to many projects right in San Francisco. During the absence of Rev. Robert W. Moon on Sunday, June 1st, Superintendent Gill was the preacher.

PORT CHICAGO. Almost every month sees some attractive improvement in the property, the last being the painting of the pews in ivory with mahogany trim. This little church has one of the loveliest sanctuaries in the Conference. Rev. W. C. Besselievre will attend the Pastors' Summer School at Sylvan Dale. The young people completed their pledge of $40.00 to CWVR.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Two hundred and seventy people were in attendance at Children's Day program. Awards were given for outstanding work and attendance. The Sunday School averages 200 per Sunday and is staffed by 34 officers and teachers. A group program will be carried throughout the summer months. Rev. J. H. McCartney is the pastor.

PENNGROVE. This church has been cared for by Rev. C. G. Kuhn for a few weeks. Negotiations are under way for a man who is registered at the Pacific School of Religion, and it is hoped that he and his family will be installed in the parsonage the end of June.

BERKELEY ARLINGTON. After more than a year of waiting, permission to build was granted; immediately working drawings and specifications were prepared. The church awaited the opening of bids with great anxiety; the result was better than had been hoped, and a contract has been let. It is possible that the building can be completed by Christmas, certainly before Easter. The location will be at the intersection of Arlington Avenue and Rincon Road. The lower floor which will open off Rincon Road will have departmental Sunday School, and club room and library. The upper floor, which opens on Arlington Avenue, will have a large social hall with kitchen, parlor, and church offices; either the parlor or social hall can be used for services of worship, as may be needed. Rev. Herbert E. Dimock is the pastor.

SAN CARLOS. An 8:30 communion service is held once a month. Rev. Weldon Batty, the pastor, recently enjoyed a trip to Illinois. Rev. Benjamin Gould supplied the pulpit. A new paper entitled "The Community Church Foreward," is being published. Drawing for the next unit of the building will be pushed to completion. Collections on the fund recently raised will be encouraged with the help of the Building Society. There is hope that an early beginning may be made in the erection of a sanctuary.

PALO ALTO. The sanctuary is filled almost to capacity every Sunday. The church is looking forward to a new location and building when conditions are more favorable, but in the meantime, the chancel is to be remodeled. A new social education and action group has been formed, its immediate concern being with interracial and intercultural relationships within the city of Palo Alto. Rev. G. Arthur Casaday is the pastor.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM. Two Sunday morning services, one at nine and the other at eleven, each approximately forty minutes in length, are to be held during the summer as an experiment. A church directory has been published. Mr. Leland Mahood is to be on the staff of the East Bay Camp as Cazadero. The Foothill Masonic Lodge was guest of the church on June 15.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN. Charter membership has closed at 98, but with 15 more ready to join. Permit has been received to build the first modest unit and a campaign is under way for the community's share. Public services are held on the lawn under an oak tree. A goodly group of young people will attend summer camps. Rev. Mary McKee Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester are pastors.

LOOMIS. Young people from the seventh grade through college hold youth church services every Sunday morning from 10:00 to 10:50. Sunday School will be maintained through the summer although church services will be omitted for one month. Rev. J. N. Bennett is the pastor.

LODI FIRST. Three hundred seventy-three people registered as attending the 75th anniversary celebration on May 24th-25th. Exhibits filled many tables showing the history of the church, the history of the city of Lodi, the photographs of pastors, and there was a fine display of Bibles. Superintendent Harley H. Gill preached the anniversary sermon on Sunday morning, and Rev. Harry A. Shuder, the only living former pastor, was guest speaker in the evening, when the young people were in charge. On Sunday afternoon, there was a series of tableaux illustrating the reading of the history of the church. It was an occasion long to be remembered by members and friends, and a fitting tribute to Rev. A. R. Boone, who has been pastor longer than any other in the church's history.

SACRAMENTO PIONEER. The past year has been most encouraging in many ways: in attendance, interest, and financial income. On May 25, 42 persons united with the church, a total of 145 since January 1. The Sunday School has increased. Miss Dorothy Darch has been engaged as Church Assistant and Director of Youth Work. The church also has a Minister of Music, Miss Josephine Fithian, and a Director of Religious Education, Miss Evelyn Williams. The church cooperated with other churches in a worship crusade, and in the visitation the membership was greatly stimulated, and new members were integrated. Rev. Torrance Phelps is the pastor.

GUERNEVILLE. Mr. Carl Theodore Gustafson, who graduated on June 6 from Pacific School of Religion, began his pastorate here on June 1. The church has purchased a parsonage. Mr. Gustafson has been serving the Methodist Church at Sonoma during his studies at the School. He is a graduate of the University of Washington. Mr. Ray Woodruff has been supplying this church very acceptably for several months.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The new building at Angels Camp is in use. One hundred chairs were secured through the War Assets Administration. Rev. L. D. Granger, the pastor, is to have the assistance of Mr. Ray Woodruff, who will work in the White Pines and Arnold areas of the county during the summer. Mr. Woodruff has been serving the church at Guerneville for the past two or three months.

OAKLAND, FIRST. May was a month of social activity, with dinner for mothers and daughters and for boys and their dads. The Couples Club had a spring formal, the Fellowship group a spring frolic, and the Sunday Nighters (a youth group) an informal Saturday evening together. The church choir had a picnic prior to a rehearsal. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

MARTINEZ. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord reports that on Mother's Day nine persons were received, bringing the total to 41 since January first.

SARATOGA. On Sunday, June 1, this church celebrated its 75th anniversary. At the morning service there were resumes of the church history by decades for the first forty years. Following luncheon resumes were given for the remaining 35 years of the church's history. Rev. Fred R. Morrow, former pastor, with Rev. Gordon L. King, the present pastor, conducted a communion service. A brief history of the church was printed in the program and a historical exhibit was on display. The church was organized under the general supervision of Supt. J. H. Warren with ten charter members. In 1921 it united with the Christian Church, forming the present Federated Church. The present building was completed in 1924 and a new wing added in 1942.

FRESNO FIRST. Rev. John H. Gregg, pastor of this church, was honored by the Pacific School of Religion, being given the degree of Doctor of Divinity at the commencement exercises on June 6. Mr. Gregg is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles, having graduated in 1932, and Pacific School of Religion in 1933. While a student, he served as director of Arlington Avenue Fellowship House and upon graduating, became pastor of the Porterville church where he led the church to a new level of strength and usefulness. He has been pastor at Fresno for six years and will soon succeed in the project of moving the location of the church and the erection of a modern and ample plant for future expansion.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. Rev. John Charles Mickle, Jr. has arrived to take up his work with this church and is installed in the new parsonage which the church has purchased. Mr. Mickle comes from the Mt. Zion Church of Cleveland, Ohio. He is a young man of fine ability, worthwhile experience, and adequate preparation. The Sunday School continues to grow. The membership now stands at a total of 259.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. There is an increase of Chinese people in the city. A hundred letters were recently sent to residents whose addresses are known. The program of the church includes Sunday School, Sunday morning worship, midweek prayer meeting, young people's meeting, a Cantonese language school, and a Mandarin class for adults. The building fund continues to grow. Dr. Hoh Yam-tong is pastor.

EUREKA. Nineteen new members were received on June 8, with two more to come. The Ladies' League gave the church a fine pulpit antependium. Rev. Emerson W. Harris is the pastor.

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MAY MEETING OF GREAT INTEREST

Those who attended the May meeting of the Federation were fortunate enough to hear Dr. George Hedley of Mills College read the chapter on Congregationalism, "So truth be in the field," from his recently published book, "The Christian Heritage in America." It has about 170 pages, divided into fifteen chapters, each dealing with one of the religious denominations prominent in America today, and with a closing word on the Church of the Future.

As for the Congregational background, several Separatist congregations fled from England taking refuge in Holland in the early part of the 17th century. After some years, desiring a new economic chance and a personal freedom for which there was no room in crowded Holland, several of these congregations came to the New World. One of these groups was the Mayflower Pilgrims, whose landing on Cape Cod in 1620 marked the beginning of Congregationalism in America. Another group who later came due to persecution and heavy pressure exerted upon them by the Stuart kings was the Puritans who formed the Massachussetts Bay Colony immediately to the north of Plymouth. The Puritans kept their Calvinist theology but followed the example of their Pilgrim neighbors and set up their churches with a Congregational scheme of government. Thus later when the two colonies were united definite influences of both were retained.

During the latter part of the 18th century there came into being several other so-called Independent groups and today there are about ten million members of these churches, of which the Congregational is one, in the United States. Dr. Hedley mentions these denominations briefly in this chapter on Congregationalism, for the influence of each has been felt and absorbed to some extent by the other. All of these Independents — Baptists, Disciples, Congregationalists, Churches of Christ, Unitarians, Universalists, etc. —have contributed greatly to our religious life and cultural pattern in America today, and we must remember that all of them dared public misunderstanding and hatred in their devotion to Truth as they saw it. Each group of them has given to the other its own glimpse of Truth and their compelling faith that Truth is mighty and will prevail. Two trends are apparent in the life of Congregationalism today, Dr. Hedley tells us. One is toward unity among the several fellowships and the other is toward a closer organization and more decisive leadership within. More recent Congregationalists have contributed much through their pioneering of Christian action in economics and in social relations. For summer reading we should include "The Christian Heritage in America."

While still close to the subject, there are many other fine books on the recommended list which might well be read during vacation time. Mrs. Sanford Siegrist, Literature chairman, reviewed briefly "Three Came Home" by Anna Newton Kieth. This is a novel depicting a cross section of humanity interned in a Japanese concentration camp. Odd as it may seem there are high spots of humor distributed through the book which relieve its starkness and it should make worthwhile reading.

AND A "STAR" SHALL LIGHT THE WAY

Mrs. Chester Marliave, Foreign Field secretary, in her talk, "Bridging the Pacific," spoke of missionary work to be done in the Micronesian Islands. A survey of this area shows it to be desirable that church workers return to these islands. Navy officials believe it to be highly important. The natives still give evidence of early successful work of the missionaries and the inhabitants are glad to know that church workers will be coming back soon.

There is need for coordination of Christian effort in the area, for printed materials, for consideration in the matter of salary payment to pastors, and for more efficient transportation between the islands, which brings in the "Morning Star" project. Many will recall the "Stars" of earlier days which were purchased through voluntary giving and sent forth to ply among the islands of the Pacific. The Navy will allow missionaries to travel on their vessels making a regular inter-island schedule. This will not be adequate, however, and therefore another "Star" will be needed to carry successfully the Christian message to the small islands.

Many structures still remain and are usable. The native government will do what they can with what is on hand. A young northern California couple will before very long be leaving for the Micronesian Islands for missionary work.

A very interesting letter from Miss Alice Cary, then in Japan, was read. She tells us that General MacArthur manifested deep concern over the religious needs of Japan today. He spoke of his faith in Japan, believing that she has great potentialities under able leadership. He mentioned also the urgency of Christian teaching with no religious group dominating the other. General MacArthur feels that a people once liberated will desire to remain that way and that there will be no return to the old days and old ways. There now exists a great opportunity to Christianize Japan which we probably will never have again. No effort is being made to exert undue Christian influence on the Emperor and General MacArthur feels that it would be tragic to attempt to do so. The Emperor reads the Bible and listens to lectures of many religious groups. His decision, however, must be his own. General MacArthur is doing everything possible to restore stability to Japan.

ON THE HOME FRONT

Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Home Field secretary, gave us a most interesting and extensive report covering our Home Field activities throughout the country. You might be interested in hearing of just a few of them which is all space will permit. Grant's Hospital in New Mexico, closed of necessity during the war, is open and making a splendid effort to minister to the health needs of the people of that vicinity. This hospital is located in a small village on a high plateau near the border, with no other health facilities available in the district.

We are also interested to learn from Mrs. Gill that Ellis Island is no longer merely an immigration center, being used now for most part in the work of rehabilitation of displaced persons. Our churches give financial aid through the Home Missions Board. Mrs. Pratt, the worker there, needs books, magazines, clothing and toys. These may be sent to our Friendly Service Department headquarters in New York.

TRAVELER WITHIN OUR GATES

It was brought to our attention by a member of the Hospitality Committee that possibly more out-of-town women would be able to come occasionally to our Federation meetings if overnight accomodations could be offered. They are asking for overnight hospitality for those delegates who live too far away to return the same night. If any of you can help out on this, kindly inform Mrs. Kientz or a member of this committee.

Mrs. James Cooper, Thank Offering chairman, would like to have the names of all new Thank Offering chairmen. She suggests that it might be a worthwhile idea for them to devote a short period at each of their church meetings to report on some of the mission projects.

Our thanks and appreciation again go to Mrs. Herbert Gans, Devotional chairman, for her suggestion of still another key which might be used to open our personal door of devotion. This is the "Key of People." Probably more than any other, if we would but recognize it, this key has unlatched doors through rich personal experiences. Many times we find God through other people. Everyone knows some one person who has helped him at some time or other to come closer to God.

We all enjoyed hearing the reports of our Association presidents, outlining what they have endeavored to accomplish to date and plans for the future. Among those reporting were Mrs. H. Williams of the Santa Clara Association; Mrs. Victor Parachini, Upper Bay; Mrs. J. E. Enman of Bay Association; and Mrs. Archie Finney of San Joaquin district.

The Executive Board voted to send as Federation delegates to the M.E.M. Conference at Asilomar, August 1-6: Mrs. Sanford Siegrist, Literature; Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Home Field; Mrs. Chester Harliave, Foreign Field.

Mrs. Stephen C. Peabody, Social Action, will represent the Federation at the Institute of International Relations at Mills College, June 22.

Mrs. Robert Hughes, Young People's secretary, will be on hand at the State Pilgrim Fellowship Conference at Cazadero, August 23-30.

CAZADERO DEDICATION

Sherman and Greisinger Memorial Cabins at Congregational Cazadero were formally dedicated on Sunday afternoon, June 15, at 4:30 p.m. Leaders in the ceremony were Rev. Vere V. Loper, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Miles B. Fisher, Supt. Harley H. Gill, Rev. Wim Meyer and several Pilgrim Fellowship officers.

International Institute

It is to be hoped that many will be in attendance at the Institute of International Relations at Mills College, June 22 to July 1. In May the Pacific carried an announcement of it and the Conference office has a supply of leaflets with full information.

Details for all camps at Congregational Cazadero are outlined in leaflets, available in quantity or by individual inquiry to Rev. Wim Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4. Outstanding leadership and program is offered in each of the 11 camps, for families, young adults, college, high school, and junior high youth.

The next meeting of the General Council will be held in Oberlin, Ohio, during June of 1948. The next Midwinter Meeting will be held in Grand Rapids, Mich., January 26-28, 1948.

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